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## **VIA ELECTRONIC-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Request of Progress Energy Carolinas, Incorporated for Approval of Large General Service

(Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP

Docket No. 1997-57-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing in the above-referenced docket and has no objection to Progress Energy Carolinas, Incorporated's ("Company") request to extend the availability of the Large General Service (Experimental – Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP. Schedule LGS-RTP encourages customers to reduce electric consumption during peak hours when the cost of producing electricity is high. The current Schedule LGS-RTP is due to expire on and after December 31, 2010. If the extension is granted it would extend the availability of the rate schedule until December 31, 2012. ORS believes extending the availability of this rate schedule would be beneficial to both the Company and its customers. There are currently 15 customers on Schedule LGS-RTP which generates annual revenues approaching \$30 million.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely.

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